

Items being brought in for the Fairless Food Cupboard

DAY 2 – Toilet paper / Paper Towels

DAY 3 – Shampoo / Conditioner

DAY 4 – Toothpaste / Toothbrushes

Day 5 – Bath Soap / Hand Soap

We will be having a competition on what grade can bring in the most.

Children are encouraged to bring in a monetary offering every day. The money will be donated to [Way to Battle](#). You can read more about this incredible organization on the back of this paper. They were a huge help to our very own Tusky Valley Schools. We will be having a competition between boys and girls as to who can raise the most money.

Parents are welcome to come up to the sanctuary when picking up their children from VBS each night to watch the closing.

Thank you, parents, for allowing Living Grace Christian Church to teach your children about the Good News of Jesus Christ and we pray that the children take their lessons to heart and spread the Good News.

Brady, Blake, Aubrey, and Cooper find great comfort and joy in stuffed animals, especially dogs. Since being diagnosed in June 2021, Brady has spent countless days at the hospital receiving treatment. Some of those days got so impossible that we had to formulate a plan to make them less miserable. Enter the birth of the Battle Pup mission.

The journal entry from *THROUGH THE BATTLE*, written August 16, 2021, that was the beginning of it all:

Another day. Another trip to NCH. Another transfusion needed.

It was raining this morning and neither one of us wanted to go. Both of us kept whining about it during our preparation and drive.

“I just want to stay home” were words I kept hearing and “me too” were the words I kept saying.

But, In the car we went, through the pouring rain. We were almost there when Brady said, “can’t we please just go back home?”

I thought about it for a few seconds. And I quickly thought about the things that would make his heart happy and change his outlook on the day.

So then I said, “you know what Brady, I don’t want to go either, but let’s make the best of it. Why don’t we find someone to bless today? Let’s go with the mission of doing good for someone else.”

Chris and I have spent the last several years trying to cultivate hearts in our children that love to serve others. Through the countless weekends they have spent serving their community in different ways (that have sometimes ended in crying), they have learned the satisfaction and pure joy that comes from being a blessing to someone else, especially when that person wasn’t expecting it.

And Brady is the leader of the group. Serving others brings such joy to his heart. When it comes to the five love languages, he is an acts of service kid all day long. So whenever it comes to outreach or helping others, Brady is your kid.

His voice lightened as he asked, “who should we help?” I told him I wasn’t sure, but I’m sure we would know when we got there. Deep down, once the words had left my lips I already knew who it would be.

You see, this journey is hard, but there have been so many good things that have come from it. We have been blessed to work with some incredible nurses that have left a mark on our hearts forever. One of those nurses was expecting her first child.

A couple weeks ago in our conversation she told us that her sweet baby girl was going to be born into a battle of its own and for the last couple weeks I haven’t been able to get them off of my mind. I’ve been praying for them constantly. The long surgeries she would go through, the time a part they had to face, the pain they would endure, all of it. Today, we learned that momma is doing well and baby girl is battling just a few floors away.

So after his transfusion, we headed for the gift shop. Brady picked out the most amazingly soft, fluffy unicorn I’ve ever seen (along with a couple other things) for that sweet baby girl.

Because you know, soft things are the best.

We both left with smiles on our faces and joy in our hearts.

Sometimes we have to take our eyes off the things we can’t change and ask God how to help us see the victory in the battle we are in. We need to ask Him to open our eyes to the joy around us.

And if we can’t find joy in our circumstances, then let us be joy in someone else’s.

A funny thing happens when you be the light, you actually get brighter too. So really, it’s a win-win.

So, go be the light friends. Find a way to share some love today.

“Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”